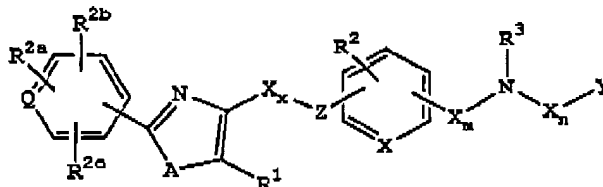


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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A compound which has the structure



wherein x is 1, 2, 3 or 4; m is 1 or 2; n is 1 or 2; X_x is a carbon chain of 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms which is selected from alkylene of 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkenylene of 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, allenyl or alkynylene of 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms;

X_m is a carbon chain of 1 or 2 carbon atoms which is selected from alkylene of 1 or 2 carbon atoms, alkenylene of 2 carbon atoms or alkynylene of 2 carbon atoms;

X_n is a carbon chain of 1 or 2 carbon atoms which is selected from alkylene of 1 or 2 carbon atoms, alkenylene of 2 carbon atoms or alkynylene of 2 carbon atoms;

Q is C;

A is O;

Z is O;

R^1 is H or lower alkyl;

X is N;

R^2 is H, alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, amino or substituted amino;

R^{2a} , R^{2b} and R^{2c} are the same or different and are selected from H or alkyl;

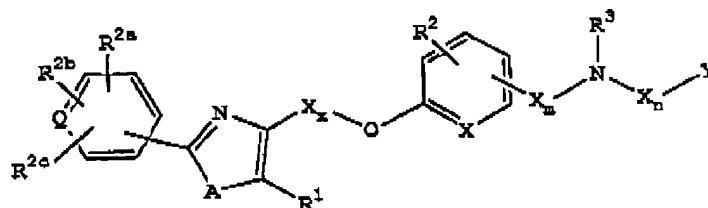
R^3 is alkyl, arylalkyl, alkoxyarylalkyl, arylalkoxyarylalkyl, or alkylaryloxyarylalkyl;

Y is CO_2R^4 where R^4 is H or alkyl, or a prodrug ester;

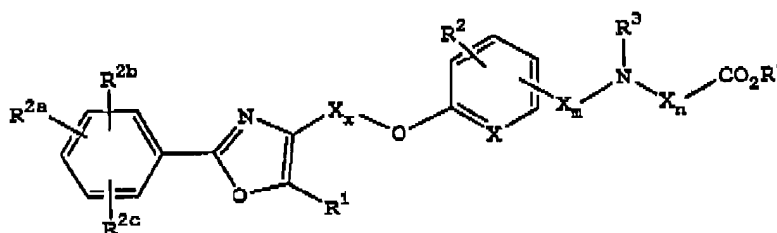
or stereoisomers thereof, a prodrug ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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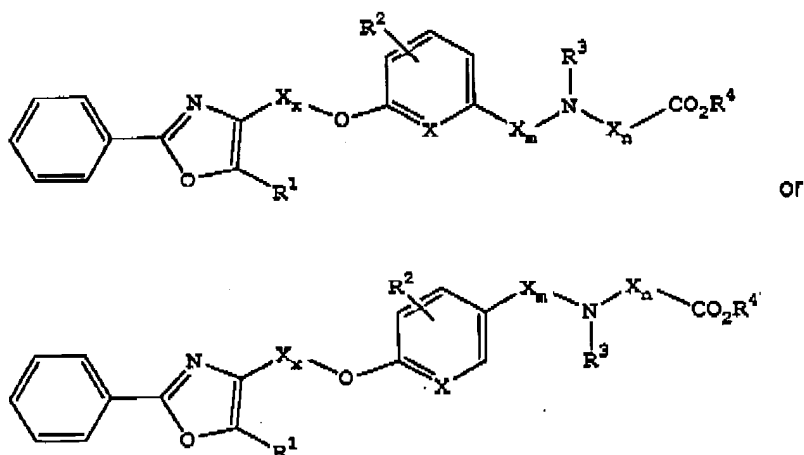
Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the structure



Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the structure



Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 having structure

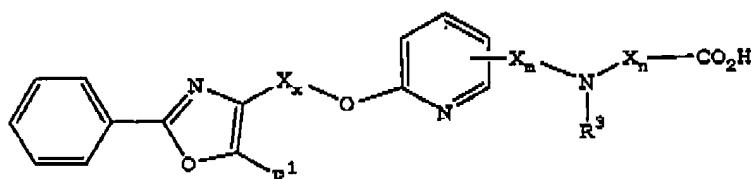


Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein $(CH_2)_x$ ~~Xx~~ is alkylene[[.]] ~~alkenylene, allenyl, or alkynylene.~~

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Claims 6 to 8. (Cancelled).

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the structure



wherein R¹ is H or lower alkyl; and

R³ is alkyl, arylalkyl, alkoxyarylalkyl, arylalkoxyarylalkyl or alkylaryloxyarylalkyl.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein X_x is CH₂,

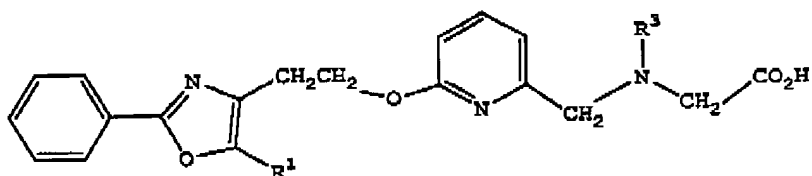
(CH₂)₂, (CH₂)₃, or $\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \quad \text{CH}_3 \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{C} \end{array}$, X_m is CH₂, or $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}_a \\ | \\ \text{CH} \end{array}$ where R_a is alkyl or alkenyl, X_n is CH₂, R¹ is lower alkyl, R² is H, R^{2a} is H, R⁴ is H, and R³ is aryloxyarylalkyl, arylalkyl, or alkoxyarylalkyl, which may be optionally substituted.

Claims 11 and 12. (Cancelled).

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein X_x is CH₂CH₂, X_m is CH₂ and X_n is CH₂.

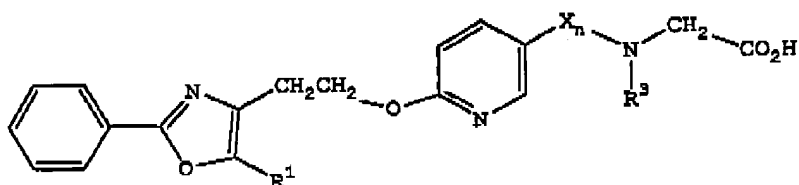
Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the structure

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wherein R^1 is H or lower alkyl; and R^3 is alkyl, arylalkyl, alkoxyarylalkyl, arylalkoxyarylalkyl or alkylaryloxyarylalkyl.

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the structure



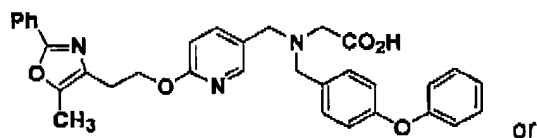
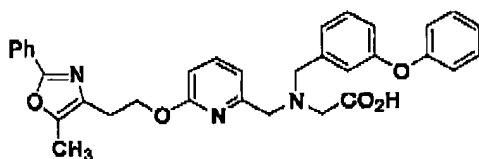
where X_n is CH_2 or $\text{—}\overset{\text{CH}_3}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}\text{—}$;

R^1 is H or lower alkyl; and

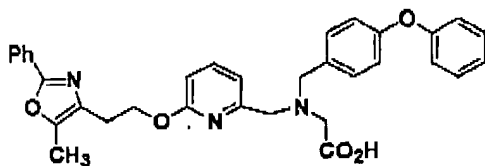
R^3 is alkyl, arylalkyl, alkoxyarylalkyl, arylalkoxyarylalkyl or alkylaryloxyarylalkyl.

Claim 16. (Cancelled).

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the structure



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Claims 18 to 32. (Cancelled).

Claim 33. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as defined in Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

Claim 34. (Previously Presented) A method for lowering blood glucose levels or for treating diabetes or for treating an early malignant disease, a malignant disease, or a dysplastic disease, which comprises administering to a patient in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as defined in Claim 1.

Claim 35. (Original) A method for treating diabetes which comprises administering to a patient in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as defined in Claim 1.

Claims 36 to 54. (Cancelled).